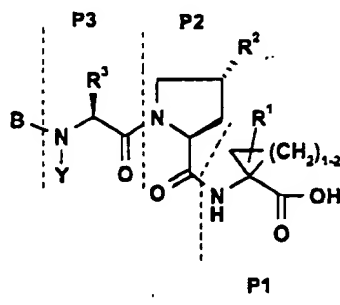


AMENDED CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW THE CHANGES MADE

1. (four times amended) ~~The~~ A racemates, diastereoisomers or optical isomers of a compound of formula (I):



wherein **B** is H, a C₆ or C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl; Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, all of which optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; C₁₋₆ alkoxy; C₁₋₆ alkanoyl; hydroxy; hydroxyalkyl; halo; haloalkyl; nitro; cyano; cyanoalkyl; amino optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; amido; or (lower alkyl)amide;

or **B** is an acyl derivative of formula **R₄-C(O)-**; a carboxyl derivative of formula **R₄-O-C(O)-**; an amide derivative of formula **R₄-N(R₅)-C(O)-**; a thioamide derivative of formula **R₄-N(R₅)-C(S)-**; or a sulfonyl derivative of formula **R₄-SO₂** wherein

R₄ is (i) C₁₋₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with carboxyl, C₁₋₆ alkanoyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl, amido, or (lower alkyl) amide;

(ii) C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkoxy, or C₄₋₁₀ alkylcycloalkyl, all optionally substituted with hydroxy, carboxyl, (C₁₋₆ alkoxy)carbonyl, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl, amido, or (lower alkyl) amide;

(iii) amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; amido; or (lower alkyl)amide;

(iv) C₆ or C₁₀ aryl or C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl, all optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxy, amido, (lower alkyl)amide, or amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; or

(v) Het or (lower alkyl)-Het, both optionally substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxy, amido, (lower alkyl) amide, or amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R₅ is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; with the proviso that when **B** is a carboxyl derivative, an

amide derivative or a thioamide derivative, R_4 is not a cycloalkoxy;

Y is H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^3 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, or C_{4-10} alkylcycloalkyl, all optionally substituted with hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} thioalkyl, amido, (lower alkyl)amido, C_6 or C_{10} aryl, or C_{7-16} aralkyl;

R^2 is CH_2-R_{20} , $NH-R_{20}$, $O-R_{20}$ or $S-R_{20}$, wherein R_{20} is pyridinyl, quinolyl, (lower alkyl)-pyridinyl or (lower alkyl)-quinolyl, each optionally mono-, di- or tri-substituted with R_{21} ,

wherein each R_{21} is independently C_{1-6} alkyl; C_{1-6} alkoxy; lower thioalkyl; sulfonyl; NO_2 ; OH; SH; halo; haloalkyl; amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, C_6 or C_{10} aryl, C_{7-14} aralkyl, Het or (lower alkyl)-Het; amido optionally mono-substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, C_6 or C_{10} aryl, C_{7-14} aralkyl, Het or (lower alkyl)-Het; carboxyl; carboxy(lower alkyl); C_6 or C_{10} aryl, C_{7-14} aralkyl or Het, said aryl, aralkyl or Het being optionally substituted with R_{22} ;

wherein R_{22} is C_{1-6} alkyl; C_{3-7} cycloalkyl; C_{1-6} alkoxy; amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl; sulfonyl; (lower alkyl)sulfonyl; NO_2 ; OH; SH; halo; haloalkyl; carboxyl; amide; (lower alkyl)amide; or Het optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^1 is H; C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, or C_{2-6} alkynyl, all optionally substituted with halogen;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof;

wherein "Het" is defined as a five-membered saturated or unsaturated, aromatic or non-aromatic, heterocycle containing from one to four heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein said heterocycle is optionally fused to a benzene ring.


REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to replace the plural form with singular at line 1 to clarify that this claim also covers the individual racemates, diastereoisomers and optical isomers of the compounds of formula (I). Their being no new matter, entry of this supplemental amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendment
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For the reasons set forth in the previous Amendment, Applicant submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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